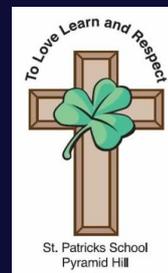


# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PYRAMID HILL



## **Asthma Policy**

### **Rationale:**

All Learners at the school who are known to have asthma are supported via Asthma Friendly policies and procedures and all Learners, staff and visitors can access Asthma First Aid in an emergency.

### **Aim:**

We are committed to being an Asthma Friendly school as outlined by Asthma Australia.

Staff with duty of care for Learners are trained to assess and manage an asthma emergency.

The majority of Staff have current training in Asthma First Aid and routine management, conducted or approved by the local Asthma Foundation.

Asthma Emergency Kits (AEKs) are accessible to staff and include in-date reliever medication, single person use spacers (with masks for under 5 years old if required).

Asthma First Aid posters are on display and information is available for Staff and parents. Policies are Asthma Friendly.

### **Implementation:**

Learners are supported to self manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development: we explain asthma and asthma care to the Learners and provide care with, not just to, them

Parents & Caregivers are to provide an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor  
Parents & Caregivers are to provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied

Parents & Caregivers are to alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management  
Staff are to document any asthma attack and advise parents/ carers as a matter of priority  
Learners are to have their personal spacer and ventolin – replacement policy: name and give a spacer/ mask used from the AEK the Learner who used them for their own use in the future – otherwise they need to be disposed of thoughtfully

Staff are to review documentation regularly to ensure compliance with procedures

Staff are to minimize exposure to known triggers

### **Assessment & Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed annually and earlier should a need to arise to do so.

### **Resources:**

<http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au>

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